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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP (BLUMENTHAL, W. MICHAEL)

SUBJECT: KUWAITI PRESS COVERAGE OF SECY BLUMENTHAL'S VISIT  
(OCT. 27)

1. SECY BLUMENTHAL'S OCT. 25-26 VISIT TO KUWWIT  
DOMINATES THE KUWAIT ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS OF OCT. 27.  
THE ARAB TIMES STORY QUOTED BLUMENTHAL ON THE NECESSITY TO  
KEEP OIL PRICES FROM RISING, BUT GAVE THE IMPRESSION  
THAT BLUMENTHAL WAS EVASIVE ON THE MEASURES WHICH THE  
USG IS TAKING TO "GUARANTEE THE STRENGTH OF THE DOLLAR".  
THE ARAB TIMES HEADLINE WAS: "BLUMENTHAL ASKS FOR OIL  
PRICE FREEZE". THE KUWAIT TIMES STORY, ON THE OTHER HAND,  
PLAYED UP FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI'S OCT. 26 REMARKS TO THE  
PRESS, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PRICE OF OIL IS UP TO  
OPEC, NOT TO KUWAIT, AND THAT KUWAIT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
POSITION OF THE DOLLAR BECAUSE OF KUWAITI INVESTMENTS  
ABROAD. THE KUWAIT TIMES DID, NEVERTHELESS, CARRY QUOTES  
FROM BLUMENTHAL'S OCT. 26 REMARKS TO THE PRESS ON THE NEED  
FOR STABLE OIL PRICES.

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2. FURTHER REPORTS ON PRESS COVERAGE OF THE BLUMENTHAL  
VISIT WILL BE MADE WHEN TRANSLATIONS FROM ARABIC  
ARE AVAILABLE.  
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